MESSAGE FROM LOK SABHA

The Prevention of Money-Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2005

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 96 of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2005, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on 6th May, 2005."

I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Status of immplementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Thirtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, the Department of Atomic Energy has submitted an Action Taken Report to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on the recommendations of the 130th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests of the Rajya Sabha on the Demands for Grants (2004-05) of the Department of Atomic Energy *vide* O.M. No.1/2(2)/2004-Budget/314 dated 29.11.2004.

Further, during the period September 20-27, 2004, the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests of the Rajya Sabha had paid a visit to the Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) and the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL), Hyderabad. The summary of the proceedings were forwarded to the Rajya Saha Secretary *vide* DAE O.M. No.3/1(2)/2004-PS/9231 dated December 27, 2004. The Department will take futher necessary action on receipt of the recommendations of the Committee.

During the period January 30 to February 6, 2005, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests of the Rajya Sabha visited the Institute of Physics (IOP), Bhubaneswar and

the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC) and the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata. The summary of the proceedings of the Committee is under submission by the Department to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Thank you, Sir (Ends)

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I beg to draw your attention to the instructions that were given by the hon. Chairman of the Rajya Sabha to all the Ministeries, which enjoined each Ministry to specify, in a format that was prescribed to them by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, the recommendations of the Standing Committee, the Action Taken by the relevant Ministry and the status of that recommendation so that the Members could be informed of what the recommendations were and the members could also know and make sense of what action the ministry has taken. Sir, this was started by the Minister of Agriculture, as you would recall, and subsequently, other Ministries have also followed suit. Sir, I know that the Department of Atomic Energy is a very sensitive Department. But, subject to what information can be put in the public domain, I would request that a similar format be prepared for the Department of Atomic Energy as well. Particularly, in so far as paragraph 1 is concerned, because paragraph 1 relates to recommendations already made whereas paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 refers to recommendations that are likely to be made. So, we do not know what recommendations that are likely to be made. So, far as paragraph 1 is concerned, if we could be given, in the prescribed format, what the recommendations were and what actions have been taken, I think, the Members would be better educated and enlightened.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Hon. Minister, the hon. Chairman has already observed that whenever the Department-related Standing Committees submit Reports, Action Taken Reports have to be given in a format. You kindly follow that when you come. First paragraph, second and third paragraph, whenever after the recommendations are considered, then you can come.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Sir, Action Taken Report has been forwarded to Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Now, the House is adjourned till 11.00 a.m. on Monday, the 9th May, 2005.

The House then adjourned at thirty-four minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 9th May, 2005.

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